currence of the State Government to the plan of operation of the project is awaited.

Assessment of newsprint policy for 1987-88

912. DR. RUDRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the working of the newsprint policy for 1987-88 and its impact on the economics of the newsprint industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the impact of the policy on the indigenous production of newsprint; and

(c) the rationale behind canalisation of imports of newsprint through the State Trading Corporation and how far it has helped the industry to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) While no formal study or assessment has been made, the Government has taken note of the various views expressed on this subject.

(c) The objective of canalisation of import of newsprint through the State Trading Corporation is to obtain better terms of trade through bulk purchases. Canalisation also helps in planning for the volume of imports to manage supply of newsprint. Canalisation of newsprint through STC has by and large achieved these objectives. STC has been able to ensure regular supply of newsprint at reasonable prices.

नए राशन कार्ड जारी किया जाना

913. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति विभाग के मण्डल सं० 43 में न्यू उस्मानपुर तथा जगजीत नगर में नियुक्त खाद्य निरीक्षक नए आवेदकों को राशन कार्ड जारी करने से पहले उनके आवेदनों की जांच उचित दर दुकानों के विक्रेताओं से करवाते हैं जोकि इस संबंध में दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा बनाए गए नियमों का उल्लंघन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का इन निरीक्षकों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा : (क) दिल्ली प्रशासन ने इसका खंडन किया है

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Release of funds for NREP and RLEGP

914. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to release funds year-wise (every year) for NREP and RLEGP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh made some recommendations/ suggestions/alterations to NREP and RLEGP;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested to release totally rice under NREP; and

(f) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Funds under the National Rural Employment Programme